

**DALLAS COUNTY GETS  
NEW AUTOPSY SETUP**

Dallas County in Texas has abolished an autopsy system in effect since 1869, the magazine Medical World News reports. The change followed the resignation of the county's medical examiner, Dr. Earl Rose,

who performed the autopsies on Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, and Jack Ruby, who killed Oswald. Dr. Rose resigned in protest against the antiquated practice in which justices of the peace or coroners decided whether a post-mortem was to be performed, contending that many unnatural deaths

were overlooked. Dr. Rose charged that justices had prevented him from performing autopsies, but that he had been ordered to perform "unnecessary" autopsies. Following the resignation, the county commissioners voted to vest the power of medical investigation solely in the office of the county medical examiner,